In the claims

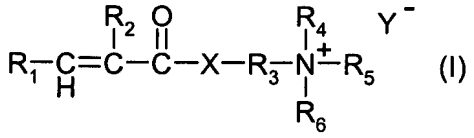
1-19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented): A fabric softener composition comprising

A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of cationic quaternary ammonium salts; tertiary fatty amines having at least one C_8-C_{30}alkyl chains, carboxylic acids having 8 to 30 carbons atoms and one carboxylic group per molecule; esters of polyhydric alcohols; fatty alcohols; ethoxylated fatty alcohols; alkyphenols; ethoxylated alkyphenols; ethoxylated fatty amines; ethoxylated monoglycerides; ethoxylated diglycerides; mineral oils and/or polyols;

B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer ~~according to claim 1~~ formed from

a) a blend of a cationic monomer of formula (I)



(I)

wherein

R_1 is hydrogen or methyl,

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl,

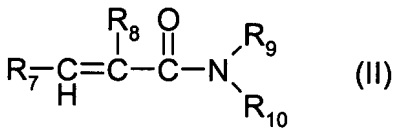
R_3 is C_1-C_4alkylene,

R_4, R_5 and R_6 are independently from each other hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl,

X is –O- or –NH- and

Y is Cl; Br; I; hydrogen sulphate or methosulfate;

and a non-ionic monomer of formula (II)



(II)

wherein

R_7 is hydrogen or methyl,

R_8 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl, and

R_9 and R_{10} sre independently from each other hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl;

b) at least one cross-linking agent in an amount of more than 500 ppm by the weight of component a) and

c) at least one chain transfer agent;

C) 0 to 20 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives; and

D) water to 100 %.

21. (previously presented): A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20 comprising

A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of a fabric softener;

B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer;

C) 0 to 20 % wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives; and

D) 0 to 5% wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a perfume, and

E) water to 100 %.

22. (previously presented): A fabric softener composition according to claim 21 comprising

A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the fabric softener;

B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer;

C) 0 to 20 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives;

D) 0 to 5 wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a perfume;

E) 0 to 0.5 wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a component capable of sequestering metal ions and selected from the group consisting of:

i) chelating components selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylic acid, organo aminophosphonic acid components, and mixtures thereof,

ii) polycarboxylic building components, other than those defined under i) as chelating components, comprising at least two carboxylic radicals separated from each other by not more than two carbon atoms, and,

iii) mixtures thereof, and

F) water to 100 %.

23. (original): A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20, wherein the customary additives are alcohols; polyhydric alcohols; amphoteric and nonionic surfactants; oxyethylated fatty alcohols; hydrogenated and ethoxylated castor oil; alkyl polyglycosides; fatty alcohols; fatty acid

esters; fatty acids; ethoxylated fatty acid glycerides; or fatty acid partial glycerides; inorganic or organic salts; non-aqueous solvents; pH buffers; perfumes; dyes; hydrotropic agents; antifoams; anti redeposition agents; enzymes; optical brighteners; antishrink agents; stain removers; germicides; fungicides; antioxidants; corrosion inhibitors; dye fixing agents; dye transfer inhibitors; wrinkle recovery agents and/or wet soiling reduction agents.

24-37 (cancelled)

38. (new) A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20 wherein the cationic polymer of component B) is in the form of particles which have a volume average size of below 10 microns when the cationic polymer is added to the composition.